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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—R. ALGAR, II & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 50, Cornhill, GORDON & GOOTON, Lodge Grove, E.C. HAWTHORPE & CO., 31, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILKS, 151, London Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 150 Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—ADEMER PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICES, 52, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA—TASMANIA AND NEW ZEALAND.—Gordon & Gooton, Melbourne and Sydney.

CYPRUS.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVILLE & CO., Square, Singapore. G. HIRSHMAN & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MOSCO, A. A. DA CRUZ, AMoy, NI MOALIE, Foochow, HABIB & CO., Shanghai, LIAO, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WILSON, Yokohama, LIAO, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1613

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £580,000.

HEAD OFFICE 43, Threadneedle Street, West End Office 25, Coopers Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:

Fixed for 12 months, 4% percent per annum;

" 6 " 3% "

" 3 " 2% "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 19, 1891. 1562

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1885.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, October 8, 1891. 1023

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. AARON MOSES GUBBAY in our Firm in China, India and England, ceased from the first day of January, 1891.

E. D. SASSOON & CO.

Hongkong, October 8, 1891. 1925

NOTICE.

WE have this Day ESTABLISHED our selves as COMMISSION AGENTS and GENERAL BROKERS in HONGKONG and CANTON under the Style and Firm of WENYON & ROBINSON.

Hongkong, October 1, 1891. 1877

CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE this Day HANDED OVER the MANAGEMENT of the above Company to Mr. W. STUART HARRISON, A. SANDFORD.

Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1849

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £600,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.
D. GILLIES, Esq. CROW TUNG SHANG,
CHAN KIN SHAN, Esq. Esq.
C. J. HINEY, Esq. W. WOTTON, Esq.
QUAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.
A. B. MCKEEAN, Acting Chief Manager.

Advisory Committee in London.
THOMAS CALENDAR, Esq., Messrs Dent, Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq., Messrs John Buttery & Co.
C. H. STUART WORTLEY, Esq., M. P. for
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Manager.

Advisory Committee Shanghai.
HU FU YOUNG, Esq. LIN KWAN KENG, Esq.
MA KIN TCHONG, CHIU MING SIANG, Esq.
TONG KWEI SIANG, Esq.
J. D. THOBURN, Manager, pro tem.

The HEAD OFFICE now receives money on deposit and makes advances on goods in Neutral godowns, and upon other securities on terms to be had on application.

Hongkong, August 27, 1891. 1673

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-in Capital \$10,000,000.
Reserve Fund \$6,000,000.
Bankers' Liabilities or \$10,000,000.
Profit or Loss.

Court of Directors.—
J. S. MOORE, Esq.—Chairman,
S. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.—Deputy Chairman,
T. E. Davies, Esq. Alex. McConachie,
C. J. Holliday, Esq. Esq.
H. Hopkins, Esq. L. Poemeker, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KENWELL, D. R. Session, Esq.
E. T. Woodin, Esq.
Chief Manager—
Hongkong—F. DE BOVIS, Esq.

Manager—
Shanghai—J. P. WADDE Gardner, Esq.
London Bankers—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO. LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance up to \$200,000.
On Fixed Deposits—
For 6 months 3% per cent. per annum.
For 12 " 4 " up to \$200,000.
For 12 " 4 " on sum in excess of \$200,000.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
6% on LOANS against Shares with full margin.
6% on Advances against Goods in neutral godowns.
7% on Current Account Overdraft.
7% on Advances against Goods in private godowns.

F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 16, 1891. 1571

Business Notices.

JANE CRAWFORD & CO.

IMPORTERS OF

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

PACKED BY CROSSE BLACKWELL & CO., PHILIPPE & CANAUD AND OTHER 1ST CLASS PACKERS.

A Full Stock of FRESH STORES always on Hand.

A REVISED PRICE LIST will be issued on 1st OCTOBER, 1891. Attention is called to the NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

(*) PRECEDING LETTERS AND PASS-BOOBS SENT, POST FREE, TO ANY ADDRESS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1844

victoria HOTEL,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices, including the Post Office, Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurbished in most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL. The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

MURSH, DORABEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

BILLIARDS.

PEAK HOTEL.

VICTORIA GAP, AMONG THE TRAMWAY,
WAL, THOMAS, Manager. TELEPHONE NO. 20.

THE CUISINE is under the best supervision and every luxury obtainable is supplied.

TERMS—\$4 per day to \$80 per month, including Tramway Ticket.

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING CO., LIMITED, Proprietors.

W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE A SELECTION OF THE

Marinbuk Furniture Co.'s Stock on hand.

Any GOODS not on hand can be seen at any time at the Factory on application.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, September 28, 1891. 1862

(ESTABLISHED 1875).

Moutrie, Robinson & Co.

(From J. Broadbent & Sons and Collard & Collard).

THE PIANO, ORGAN & MUSIC HOUSE UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
AND AT LONDON, SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

PIANOS,
Specially made for this Climate and Guaranteed.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

TUNING and REPAIRS. Instruments made equal to new. Experience, machinery, trained men and guaranteed work.

OLD PLIANS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE. MUSIC, VIOLINS, BANJOS, STRINGS, &c., &c.

16 YEARS EXPERIENCE in China, and the only Firm of trained and practical people in the Far East, devoting themselves entirely to the MUSIC and MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TRADE.

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SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. BRECONSHIRE, FROM HAMBURG, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Ltd. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, and damaged Goods are to be repaired at the expense of the Consignee.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

No Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 5, 1891. 1905

STEAMSHIP CALEDONIAN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London

C. S. M. & C. Co., Cambridge, from Havre or S. M. & C. Co., in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee before 11 a.m. To-day (Wednesday), the 7th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 13, 1891. 1888

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would materially aid the SENATE of the

COLLEGE BY FORWARDING to the Azur Memorial Hospital.

(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes),

(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to JOHN C. THOMSON, Hon. Sec. to the College.

JOHN D. BUCHISON, Sole Agent.

Hongkong, October 30, 1890. 1875

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would materially aid the SENATE of the

COLLEGE BY FORWARDING to the Azur Memorial Hospital.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 8956.—OCTOBER 9, 1891.

Mails.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.**

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Empress of Japan, Tuesday 13th Oct.

Empress of China, Tuesday 16th Nov.

Empress of India, Tuesday 18th Dec.

THE R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, 5,900 tons, Captain G. A. Lee, R.N.R., sailing at Noon from TUESDAY, the 13th October, with Her Majesty's Mails, will proceed to VICTORIA, via SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
(In Mexican Dollars).
FROM HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO One Way Fares. Prepaid Return 4 12 Mos. Mos.

Vancouver, Victoria, Es-
quimalt, New West-
minster, B.C. 225 338 394

Port Townsend, Seattle, 255 388 487

Tacoma, Wash. 275 413 482

Portland, Ore., San Fran-
cisco, Calif. 265 426 499

Banff, Calgary, Alber-
ta, Winnipeg, Man-
itoba, Minneapols, St. Paul, Dul-
uth, Minn. 255 388 487

Chicago, Ill., Kansas City,
St. Louis, Mo. 998 442 617

Milwaukee, Wis. 265 426 499

Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati,
Cleveland, Columbus, O-Hamilton, London, Toronto,
Ontario. 265 426 499

Buffalo, Niagara Falls,
N.Y. 265 426 499

Kingston, Ottawa, Ont.
Montreal, Quebec, Que. 265 426 499

New York, Albany, Troy,
Rensselaer, N.Y. 265 426 499

Baltimore, Md., Philadel-
phia, Pittsburgh, Pa. 265 426 499

Washington, D.C., Boston,
Mass., Portland, Me. 265 426 499

Halifax, N.S., St. John,
N.B. 265 426 499

Liverpool, and London via
Liverpool. 265 426 499

Paris via Liverpool and
London. 346 575 600

Havre, via Liverpool. 336 500

Bremen. 346 500

Hamburg. 336 500

2nd class steamer and 1st class on rail,
and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steamer
Passenger and Rates to other places, quoted
on application.

The Steamers call at Victoria to land and
embark Passengers.

Return Tickets.—Time limit for prepaid
return ticket is reckoned from date of issue
to date of re-embarking at Vancouver.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted
to Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services to
European officials in service of China or
Japan, out to Government officials.

Cables.—Through Bills of Lading issued
to Japan, via the Canadian Pacific, and to
Canada and United States Points.

CONSULAR INVOICES OF GOODS FOR UNITED
STATES POINTS SHOULD BE IN QUADRUPLET,
AND ONE COPY MUST BE SENT FORWARD BY THE
STEAMER TO THE CARE OF D. E. BROWN, ASSISTANT
GENERAL FREIGHT AND PASSENGER AGENT,
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, VAN-
COUVER, B.C.

PACZKI must be sent to our office with
address marked full by 5 p.m. on the
day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1891. 1817

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-
ship Company.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gacie. TUESDAY, October 20.

Belpic. THURSDAY, Nov. 12.

Oceanic. TUESDAY, Dec. 8.

THE Steamship "GALIC" will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Tokohama, on TUESDAY, 20th October,
1891, at 1 p.m., connection being made
at Tokohama with Steamers from Shanghai
and Japan Ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

To San Francisco, Vancouver,
Victoria, Esquimalt, New
Westminster, Port Town-
send, Seattle, Tacoma, Fort-
land, O-

To Liverpool and London. \$225.00

To Paris and Bremen. \$345.00

To Havre and Hamburg. \$355.00

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of steamers.

Special rates (first class only) are granted
to Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services to
European officials in service of China or
Japan, and to Government officials.

Passengers by this Line have the option
of proceeding Overland by the Southern
Pacific and connecting Lines, Central Pacific,
Northern Pacific or Canadian Pacific
Railways.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid
return ticket to San Francisco will be
issued at following rates:—

4 months \$337.50

12 " \$303.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to
date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allows
one previous to sailing.

All Paid Packages should be marked to
address of the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Offices, addressed to the Col-
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central,
J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 26, 1891. 1884

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID,
MALTA, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES,
BHINDI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON:
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF, PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

WILL ISSUE RETURN TICKETS TO
SHANGHAI by their STEAMERS
leaving on or about the 13th, 21st, and
27th INSTANT and 11th NOVEMBER, available
for return by either Line and allowing of
One Month's stay at Shanghai.

FARES.—First Saloon, \$60.
Second " 340.

Hongkong, October 9, 1891. 1930

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
Telenor, Captain JACKSON, will be
dispatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 10th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1891. 1899

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo & Passengers through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.

The Co.'s Steamship
Bellona, Captain RONISON, will be
dispatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 10th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1891. 1858

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

Taking Cargo & Passengers through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.

The Co.'s Steamship
Achilles, Captain DAVID, will be
dispatched as above on SUNDAY,
the 11th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1891. 1928

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship
Polyphemus, Capt. L. VOLMER, will be
despatched as above for the
above Ports on MONDAY, the 12th Inst.,
at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 9, 1891. 1929

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PEN-
ANG AND SINGAPORE.

ARRIVED.

Per Glenorchy, from London : for Shang-
hai, Mis Balibong ; from Singapore, 30
Chinese.

Per Hailong, from Coast Ports, 23 Chi-
nese.

Per Triumph, for Hothow.

Clara, for Haiphong.

Triong, for Saigon.

Kuengong, for Canton.

Don Juan, for Amoy and Manila.

Avalon Apear, for Singapore & Calcutta.

Shanghai, for Singapore and London.

ARRIVED.

Falkenburg, for Manila.

Ningo (a), for Shanghai.

Ravena (a), for Shanghai.

Shanghai, via Amoy, Achiles (a).

Shanghai, Kobayashi (a), for Amoy.

Spore, Havre & D'burg (a), for Amoy & Fohow.

Orion (a), for Amoy.

Vancouver (a), for Empress of Japan (a).

Yokohama and Kobe, Polyphemus (a).

Thama, N'ki & Kobs (a), for Amoy (a).

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Specimen is now made into a tough paper, which takes the place of window-glass. When colored, the effect is similar to stained or painted glass.

EXAMINATION OF TELEGRAPH CABLES.—The German Government has decided to lay telegraph cables along the whole of the German East African Coast. Three officials have left Berlin for Bagamoyo to arrange the preliminaries. The first section will be laid from Bagamoyo to Zanzibar. The French Government are about to lay cables from Marseilles to Oran, and Marseilles to Tunis, thus improving the Algerian service. The completion of communication between French Guinea, Dutch Guinea, and the French West Indian Islands has recently been effected. The old cables between Dover and Boulogne are, we understand, to be lifted and relaid across the Channel from Folkstone to Boulogne. It appears that the rocks at the foot of Shakespeare's Cliff are very injurious to them.

The following anecdote, sent by the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News*, is said to have been related by the Cezar himself to intimate friends. His older brother, who died at Nice, was, as is generally known, first betrothed to Princess Dagmar of Denmark. On his death-bed he left his brother, the present Cezar, a letter in which he begged him to take his place in the heart of the prince. The Grand Duke Alexander, however, was a very bashful lover, and had not the courage to carry off his dying brother's last will, so one day the Grand Duke went to Cezar and said to him: "If you do not fulfil the wish of our dead Nichel, I will propose for him the hand of the prettiest myself." A short time after the Grand Duke Alexander set off to Copenhagen, being alone with the Princess Dagmar, he handed her reluctantly the letter of his brother. When the princess had read it she blushed and said: "I also received a letter from Nichel, in which he begged me to become your wife." Alexander asked if he was allowed to read the letter. The princess fetched it. The sequel was a marriage.

How he once "beat time" or rather anticipated time, in a remarkable fashion is told by Mr. Archibald Forbes in his article in the *Nineteenth Century*. It is a story of a telegraphic despatch from the battlefield. In the early morning of Nov. 22, 1878, a British division under General Sir Samuel Browne occupied the Afghan fortress of Ali Musjid, up in the Khyber Pass. Mr. Forbes rode back ten miles to Jamrud, where the field telegraph was, and sent the news to England in a short message dated 10 A.M. There is a five hours' difference of time between India and England; in favour of the latter; and the *Daily News* contains this telegram dated 10 A.M. was adding in Fleet Street at 9 A.M., one hour of apparent time before it was despatched. Its anticipation of time, however, did not end here. Owing to the five hours' difference between the clocks of London and New York, the message was in time for the regular edition of the *New York Papers* that same morning. It was thence immediately wired across the Atlantic and the Pacific slope, the early-rising citizen of San Francisco, purchasing his morning paper at 6 A.M., was able to read the announcement of the victory which actually occurred two hours later in apparent time 13,000 miles away on the other side of the globe. Puck, as Mr. Forbes says, professed himself able to put a girl round the earth in forty minutes, but this telegram sped half round the globe in two hours less than that of all.

SIR C. DILKE ON THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.—The Paris correspondent of the *Morning Post* says:—Sir C. Dilke has been interested in the correspondent of the *Graphic*. He is of opinion that the importance of the visits of the French fleet to Cronstadt and Portmores has been exaggerated by the public, and that it is unfortunate that the connection between France and Russia should be so close, as the former is the champion of Liberal ideas and the latter their greatest opponent. He thinks that the Egyptian Question and the supposed understanding between Great Britain and the Triple Alliance has something to do with French enthusiasm for Russia, and also that the Franco-Russian entente will be of no use except to England, and, accordingly, that Lord Salisbury's Ministry protests itself against the policy it appears to pursue. Reverting to the Egyptian Question, in which Sir C. Dilke says he is completely on the French side, he is convinced that the present Ministry will not arraign it. He further adds that if the Liberals come into power at the next election they will not evict Egypt immediately, as much as the Conservatives, but he is certain they would do so in a few years.

ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN PAPERS just to Cuba.—An exceedingly bad state of affairs apparently prevails, the bandits having it all their own way, and recalling the Cuba of bygone days. The home rule party is said to be dead, and revolutionary principles growing stronger every day. The merchants complain because the Government has not negotiated with the United States on behalf of the tobacco monopoly, and almost daily depredations are made upon the state treasury. The cause of all is laid at the door of the McKinley Tariff, which has brought about a rupture between Cuba and Spain, after an uninterrupted union for over 400 years. Some little anxiety has been experienced lest Jamaica should follow suit, but Jamaica declares that she will do it rather than succumb, though there is something in the fact that the United States has no desire for Jamaica to do so. However willing the great Republic may be to annex Cuba and snap her fingers at Spain, she will naturally prefer not to meddle with British property, a war with England not being desirable. In the meantime residents in Cuba are experiencing a miserable time of it. Enormous taxes, and robbery by bandits surround the house-holders on every hand, and the country houses, or even the public roads are said to be no longer safe. Atrocities of every description are perpetrated daily, and neither the police nor the army can be depended on for aid. A continuation of this sort of thing will of course affect Cuba's trade, which is a consideration that is not sufficiently thought of. The situation with Spain is really severe, the best thing that can happen is for the United States to step in and restore order.—*Japan*.

2,000 GENERALS!—It is astounding, remarks Arbitrator, that with a total of £17,000,000 on the Army Estimates, something like £1,000,000 is for the non-effective staff, and that, whereas at the time of the abolition of the general staff, there were 335 paid generals, there are now 422 of whom 283 are on the Retired List! The retired pay is as follows:—Major-general £600 to £700 per annum; Lieutenant-general, £750 to £850; full general, £900 to £1,000; while the half-pay is £600, £650, and £800. The generals are very well represented in the House of Commons. The fighting interest has 128 members in all, and of these seventy-one are, or have been, in the army. Mr. Brodrick, who is the Financial Secretary to the War Department, says, concerning the generals: "Leaving out officers holding the honorary rank, there are at this moment 1,100 officers in the army, and if they took into consideration the officers holding honorary rank it would be found that there were 2,010 generals, or nearly one general to every one hundred soldiers in the British army!" Yet our generals are not satisfied with the flow of promotion.—*Weekly Dispatch*.

ADDITIONS TO THE CUNARD FLEET.—The Cunard Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, of Glasgow, have received instructions to build for the Cunard Company two steel twin-screw steamships, which are to be constructed to meet Admiralty requirements as armed cruisers. These vessels will be 600 ft. long, or only 80 feet less than the *Great Eastern*, and their indicated horse-power will be three times as great as that of that ship, while their respective tonnages will exceed that of any ship afloat. The construction of these two ships will be托付 to Sir John Buras and his colleagues, who have long been engaged in the building of naval and mercantile steamships of this country. Great interest will therefore be taken in vessels of such exceptional power and style, which are guaranteed to be ready for sea early in the spring of 1893, in time to convey passengers to New York for the World's Fair at Chicago.

ENGLISHMEN, when they light a cigar, do not, at least, if they are sober—put the lighted end into the mouth; but even this strange practice may be said to be the way of life. Colonel Knollys has taken a first lesson from the Kimberley Kaffirs, and has given in Blackwood an account of the experiment which is evidently calculated to excite the curiosity of those who run after new fashions. These interesting South Africans are extremely fond of cigars, but their habit is to smoke them in the manner described. This peculiarity was first communicated to Colonel Knollys by a man whom he met in Copenhagen, who had seen numerous instances of the native, it is stated, first lighting his cigar by the ordinary method, then, turning it round, he deftly arranged the hotly glowing end in his mouth, and sucking away his tongue in the chee—proceeded to inspire and expire the fumes, very gradually consuming the whole of the cigar. 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